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TEN TIME BOMBS IN YOUR CASE

(Adapted from: Debra Ratterman Baker, American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law)

1. Missing parents or putative fathers not adequately identified early; search not documented; no dependency established on fathers
2. Native American heritage not verified
3. Relative search not done thoroughly and early
4. Agreed orders that omit findings/admissions of abuse and neglect
5. Vague case plans
6. Inadequate information about child
7. Releases of information that are too narrow, or expire and not renewed
8. Available services not diligently offered/provided or not documented adequately
9. Documentation gaps or documentation on compliance only - not progress made
10. Repeat delays in making permanency decisions